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FOR EA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN FROM SNEIDER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, JA, CH
SUBJ: SENKAKUS

REF: A) STATE 97550, B) STATE 96877

1. WHILE I DO NOT HAVE FULL FILES AVAILABLE TO ME, MY RECOLLECTION CONFIRMS DEPT'S VIEW. I CAN RECALL NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENT MADE WITH RESPECT TO SHOWING UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S POSITION IN THE FUTURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS COULD VERY WELL BE SEMANTIC PROBLEM, SINCE WE MADE CLEAR THAT WE DID NOT WISH TO PREJUDICE SPECIFICALLY JAPAN'S CLAIM TO THE SENKAKUS.

2. LANGUAGE OF SENKAKUS PUBLIC STATEMENT, PARTICULARLY "HAS NOT ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM -- ETC.", WAS VERY CAREFULLY HONED AND NEGOTIATED. AS I RECALL, WE REPHRASED OUR FORMER STANDARD FORMULA ON SENKAKUS WITHOUT CHANGING SUBSTANCE OF OUR POSITION, TO BE OF SOME HELP TO GOJ. JAPANESE WERE NOT HAPPY BUT ACCEDED TO OUR FORMULA SINCE THEY HAD NO CHOICE. ALL OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN CONSTRUED IN JAPANESE RECORDS AS SOME SHOW
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OF "UNDERSTANDING".

3. ASSUME YOUR HAVE REVIEWED FULL RECORDS ON THIS MATTER WHICH WERE SENT BACK TO EA/J AS PART OF NEGOTIATING HISTORY FILES. YOU MIGHT ALSO WANT TO CHECK WITH CHUCK SCHMITZ WHO IS CURRENTLY AT THE SENIOR SEMINAR.
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